

Seaside Ranchos

Shades of St. Patrick were frolicking along with the diners and dancers last week when Las Vecinas held a fling at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club. Decorations were in the traditional Irish green with a canopy of crepe paper streamers overhead, shamrocks festooning the walls, and balloon bouquets on the tables.

It was pleasant to join friends and neighbors at the Tom McNary's pre-dance cocktail party at their home on Reese Road. Dora greeted her guests in a slender black dinner dress highlighted with a rhinestone inset necklace. Little Susan McNary, 14 months old, was the life of the party as she threaded her way through the crowd to make friends with her parents' guests. Those enjoying cocktails were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drumright, Frank and Ruth Hanover, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Fels, the Robert Slaters, Chris and Jim Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Trotter, and Dr. and Mrs. Max Weber. Later, at the dinner dance, this same group was seated at the table reserved by Mr. and Mrs. James Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blakeley (she's proxy of Las Vecinas) also entertained with a cocktail party preceding the dance at their home in Hollywood Riviera. Those attending from Seaside Ranchos were Mr. and Mrs. William Schmitz, Bette and Austin Shott, and the Everett Rowans.

Also seen at the dance . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spelman chattering at the Craig Grover table . . . Peggy and Don Hall at the Claude Ferrel table as were Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole (she was wearing a delphinium blue suit with pink accessories and the yummiest hat with big pink roses).

Dr. and Mrs. O. Eugene Hurst attended the dance last week of the Omega Nu Tau social and philanthropic sorority. Cocktails were enjoyed before the dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swift in Los Angeles. The dance was held at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

Mrs. Byron Johnson of Doris Way is now a deputy registrar of voters. She finished her instructions in Los Angeles last week and is ready to register voters of precinct 25 which includes Seaside Ranchos and Seaside Heights.

The Las Vecinas sponsored bridge club has changed its regular meeting to Thursday nights at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club and is urging attendance at these weekly meetings. The club is now a member of the American Bridge League. Although duplicate bridge is played, parties of two or four may combine or make up their own table for party bridge. Beginners' classes are also being held with personal instructions, so why not take advantage of this opportunity to learn instead of waiting for that friend of yours to teach you.

Richard Russell celebrated his tenth birthday recently at his home on Doris Way. Those helping in the fun were Mary

Johnson, Lolly Hanover, Jimmy Herbinson, and Frank Edman. Truth or Consequence was the game of the day with the accent on the consequences. A chocolate birthday cake with white frosting was served with three-count 'em—three kinds of ice cream.

Mrs. Dorby Rosenberger of Carol Drive entertained with a luncheon Thursday as part of the progressive luncheon program sponsored by Las Vecinas. Recently Mrs. Rosenberger attended a luncheon given by Mrs. Richard Blakeley. She was one of twelve guests. Each of the twelve will give a luncheon for eight and each of the eight in their turn will give a luncheon for four. Mrs. Rosenberger's guests will be Mesdames Byron Johnson, Harvey Spelman, Arnold Stohlman, Jr., Edward Jeffrey, George Honzik, Grandville Hicks, Charles Robinson, and Frank Jenkins.

Your scribe took a stab at bridge again last week when Margaret (Mrs. Paul) Roettger was hosting. Those in on the social squabble were Mrs. Paul Barth, Margaret (Mrs. Edward) Jeffrey, Mrs. William Haegle, Peggy (Mrs. J. V.) Powell, Mrs. Leonard Doyle, and Mrs. Carl Larkins.

Mrs. Byron Johnson, in the capacity of second flutist, has joined the Palos Verdes Symphony Orchestra which is under the direction of Mr. Piastro. Members of the orchestra meet every Monday night at the Malaga Cove School.

Mrs. Mina Shidler of Doris Way had her six year old granddaughter, Margaret Mina Shidler, better known as Nana, as her week-end house guest. Nana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shidler of Hollywood Riviera.

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Paul Roettger left last night on a business trip to Mansfield, Ohio, where he will take special instructions. While on the trip he plans to visit his sister in Chicago and his father in Columbus. He will be gone about ten days.

The third meeting of the PTA sponsored parent education forum took place Tuesday night with a lecture by Dr. Howard Wilkening, associate editor, Journal of Marriage and Family Living. The lecture was "The First Five Years Are The Hardest."



PLAN GAY EASTER PARTY . . . Tanda Camp Fire Girls at their meeting Friday at Halldale Avenue School completed arrangements for their Easter party on the evening of April 14. The group also reported on the success of their week's candy selling campaign. Their "family fun" picnic, held Sunday at Banning Park was climaxed by presentation of prizes to children and parents for participation in games and contests. Left to right, top row: Mrs. A. O. Mooneyham, leader; Delores Clifford, Stella Emory, Martha Wallace, Hallie Huiton, Hatsumi Mine, Ann Barrett, Linda Weise, Carol Shepherd, Louise Barrett, Sally Roberts, Shirley Deere and Mrs. Minet Rugg, leader. Second row, left to right: Betty Burgess, Betty Beckett, Karen Fanning, Patty DeVore, Shirley Merritt, Donna Hall, Gladys Allison, Thirz row: Marie Clifford, Gloria Woods, Claudia Pisel, Alice Martinez and Fay Livermore. Fourth row: Susan Holden, Barbara Welch, Norma Ioria, Sonja Mooneyham, Virginia McLean, Judy Barrett and Evelyn Sullivan.

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PTA Lecture Forum Series to be Concluded Tuesday

Dr. Ralph Eckert, Chief of Bureau of Parent Education State Department of Education, will be the final speaker in a four-lecture forum series being sponsored by Torrance Council First District PTA and the Evening High School.

Topic of the lecture to be held Tuesday evening, April 5, in Torrance Elementary auditorium, will be "Helping Boys and Girls Grow Up."

A discussion period will follow the lecture. Everyone is invited. There is no admission charge for the lectures which were planned to assist parents of small children through junior high school age.

Dr. Eckert is a graduate of University of California, where he received his degree in the field of educational psychology. In 1945 he became a member of the board of directors of the Family Relations conference of Northern California and later was elected to the presidency of that organization.

The same year he began teaching a course in clinical psychology at the graduate level for the College of the Pacific and next year was appointed Dean of Men for that college and for Stockton Junior College, where he also served as director of guidance.

Junior Clubwomen Enjoy Unique Party Wednesday

On Wednesday evening, March 23, the Senior Club sponsors Mesdames C. T. Rippy, John Oursler, and G. C. VanDeventer, gave the members of the Junior Womens Club their annual party. It was a most unusual and entertaining evening.

The hostesses called it a "Magazine Party" and decorated the clubhouse with colorful pictures cut from magazines.

As members arrived, they were given pencil and paper and asked to identify the contents of 22 cans from which the labels had been removed and 25 advertisements from which the key words in the slogan had been cut.

Prizes for these two games were won by Mrs. William Clinkenbeard, Mrs. C. H. Bennett, and Mrs. H. P. Jensen.

After these games, luncheon was played, prizes being "White Elephants" which the members had supplied.

While refreshments were being prepared, everyone was asked to write a slogan for a soap, such as an advertising firm might use. The prize for the cleverest slogan was won by Mrs. E. E. Wilson.

Later, the sponsors presented the club with a pair of lovely silver candlesticks in memory of their year's association. The president, Mrs. E. E. Clayton received the gift for the club and thanked the hostesses.

CERAMICS CLASS

The Arts and Crafts section will sponsor a series of six lessons in ceramics to be directed by Mrs. Mildred Hazelwood. Classes will open at 8 p.m. Monday at the home of a senior club member, Mrs. Carl D. Steele, 1320 Cota avenue.

For further information interested persons are asked to call Mrs. Alice Lightenberg, 1722-W.

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"Democracy Abroad" was the theme and the manner in which Christmas is celebrated in Italy, Switzerland and Sweden was studied. Continuing this interesting project "Democracy At Home" is scheduled for the next meeting. A visit from the school custodian will bring suggestions for better ways of conduct and cooperation for girl students.

CANDY SALE

It was revealed that the candy mint sale conducted by the Bluebirds and Campfire Girls in the harbor area went over the top. The quota was one dollar realized for every member which approximates \$80 in the area.

Mrs. G. J. Derouin Named Fern Avenue PTA President

Election of officers highlighted the regular meeting of Fern Avenue PTA held Wednesday evening in the school auditorium, when Mrs. G. J. Derouin was elected to succeed Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool. Her board will include Mrs. Jack Ricci, Albert Posner, school principal, and Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool, vice president; Mesdames W. C. Higdon and Ernest H. Smith, secretaries; F. E. Mead, treasurer; Paul Shinoda, historian and Rufus Sandstrom, auditor.

Introduced by John H. Stroth, police chief, the speaker of the evening, Lt. J. C. McDonald, of the Crime Prevention Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who chose as his topic, "One Hour a Day." He emphasized to parents the necessity of devoting a portion of even a busy day to their children in an effort to combat juvenile delinquency. His topic coincided with the theme of the meeting, "Child Delinquency is a Challenge to All Parents."

The colors were advanced by members of the Fern Avenue

PTA-sponsored Girl Scout Troop No. 698, who also sang several delightful numbers.

During the social hour, refreshments were served by the fourth grade room mothers.

Mrs. Derouin, the newly elected president will represent Fern Avenue PTA at the state convention in Los Angeles on April 25, 26 and 27.

BINGO PARTY TO BENEFIT WOMEN OF MOOSE LODGE

A bingo party as a benefit for San Pedro Chapter, Women of the Moose, has been arranged for Saturday night, April 2. Games will start at 8 o'clock, the public is invited and refreshments will be served.

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Mark McIlvaine Claims Lovely Bride March 27

Rose Elizabeth Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith W. Jones, 2255 Torrance boulevard, recited vows late Sunday afternoon to become the bride of Mr. Mark K. McIlvaine, of Torrance.

Rev. J. W. Galbraith, officiated at the Long Beach ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the lovely bride wore a semi-formal gown of rose satin and she carried white orchids on a matching prayer book. Mrs. Alpha Cook, crowned in slate blue satin and carrying pink camellias, was matron of honor. John F. McIlvaine was best man for his brother.

Preceding the ceremony Miss M. Mason sang, "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly."

All-white flowers were used at the home of the bride's parents where an evening reception for 125 guests was held—a profusion of carnations and step throughout the rooms and for the lovely buffet table gardenias were the flowers chosen. Tall white tapers flanked the four-tiered wedding cake, which was cut by the bride.

Later Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine left for their honeymoon at an undisclosed destination and upon their return they will receive their friends at House 5, C.O. M.O., Torrance.

Mrs. McIlvaine is a member of the State Board of Directors of American Dental Assistants' Association. Her husband is an active member of Torrance Kiwanis Club.



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